

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A window assembly comprising:  
a window with an opening; and  
a flange attached to a lower region of the window, an upper surface of the flange being substantially parallel to a bottom edge of the opening, the upper surface of the flange having outer regions and being at a higher elevation relative to the bottom edge of the opening, and the upper surface of the flange having a central region at an equal or higher elevation relative to the bottom edge of the opening along its entire width to prevent contact between cargo extending through the opening and the bottom edge of the opening; ~~the upper surface of the flange being contoured along a portion of the length of the flange.~~
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The window assembly of claim 1, wherein the upper surface of the central region is at substantially the same elevation as the bottom edge of the opening.
4. (Original) The window assembly of claim 1, wherein the flange is longer than the bottom of the opening.
5. (Original) The window assembly of claim 1, wherein the flange has a substantially L-shaped cross section.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Original) The window assembly of claim 1, wherein the flange is attached to the inside of the window.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The window assembly of claim 1, wherein the flange is metal.

10. (Original) The window assembly of claim 1, wherein the flange is plastic.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The window assembly of claim 1, wherein the flange is attached to the window with an adhesive.

13. (Canceled)